



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
 www.uspto.gov

**\*BIBDATASHEET\*****CONFIRMATION NO. 4383**

Bib Data Sheet

<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> 10/761,466	<b>FILING DATE</b> 01/21/2004  <b>RULE</b>	<b>CLASS</b> 438	<b>GROUP ART UNIT</b> 2825	<b>ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.</b> 2287/C03/PVD/PS
<b>APPLICANTS</b>  Imran Hashim, SanJose, CA;  Tony Chiang, Mountain View, CA; Barry Chin, Saratoga, CA;  <i>el</i> <b>** CONTINUING DATA *****</b> This application is a CON of 10/067,709 02/05/2002 PAT 6,709,987 which is a CON of 09/928,891 08/13/2001 PAT 6,559,061 which is a CON of 09/126,890 07/31/1998 PAT 6,287,977  <b>** FOREIGN APPLICATIONS *****</b> <i>Amr el</i>  <b>IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED</b> <b>** 04/23/2004</b>				
Foreign Priority claimed <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no 35 USC 119 (a-d) conditions met <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Met after Allowance Verified and Acknowledged <i>cl</i> Examiner's Signature _____ Initials _____	<b>STATE OR COUNTRY</b> CA	<b>SHEETS DRAWING</b> 10	<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b> 11	<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b> 3
<b>ADDRESS</b> PATENT COUNSEL APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. legal Affairs Deparment P.O. Box 450A Santa Clara , CA 95052				
<b>TITLE</b> Method and apparatus for forming improved metal interconnects				